

## City's Workers Cheer Curran As Honor Guest

Borough President Attends Drivers and Sweepers' Picnic; Referees Police and Firemen's Tug-of-War

Addresses War Veterans Favors Drive on Red Tape Instead of Working Now for Costly Monuments

Borough President Henry H. Curran, Republican Coalition candidate for Mayor, was the guest of honor yesterday at the annual picnic of the drivers and sweepers of the Street Cleaning Department. In that capacity he presided over the tug-of-war between teams representing the Police and Fire departments and presented the silver cup trophy, provided by the street cleaners, to the winning firemen.

The celebration was held in Dexter Park, once a popular beer garden in Queens, but now merely a grove of regularly spaced trees with whitewashed trunks that shade a merry-go-round, a dancing pavilion and a few hot dog stands.

Greeted With Cheers  
Mr. Curran's arrival was just after the middle of the tug-of-war race, at the moment when the gold badge committee on games was seeking among the eligible present contestants in the "stout ladies" race. Lacking entries, this event was scratched from the program, and James Carter, chairman of the drivers and sweepers' organization, announced that Mr. Curran would start the tug-of-war. There was a delighted cheer from the gathering which previously had not discovered the presence of the Mayor's candidate.

Mr. Curran took off his stiff straw hat and signaled to the tug-of-war team from the center line and the majority of both teams in a tangled middle of the grass.

Everybody adjourned to the dancing pavilion, then, interrupting the eighth round of the "stout ladies" race, when the dancers were on the side lines. Chairman Carter introduced Mr. Curran and announced that he would preside over the tug-of-war and the tug-of-war.

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Detachment receiving instruction in firing a four-inch gun.

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opinion of those who enjoy the confidence of the leaders.

Neither side is evincing annoyance at the delay, and in fact it is the feeling in Dublin that events have taken a normal course and there is not the slightest reason for pessimism.

The Roman Catholic bishops are exerting much pressure and even many of the young clergy who played an exceedingly active part in the Sinn Fein movement desire peace, and they regard the situation as still negotiable.

There is a tendency in some quarters to criticize the intervention of General Jan C. Smuts, Premier of South Africa, particularly his advice to De Valera "to leave Ulster alone," which The Sunday Observer declares "stiffened Ulster on the one side and repelled Sinn Fein on the other."

The interpretation of J. L. Garvin, editor of The Observer, is not supported, however, by others equally familiar with the Irish situation and the Irish temper, but there is no doubt that Ulster now is in a bitter, stubborn mood.

There always has been a possibility of a dramatic move being made in Ireland, and one is not unlikely this week. That Premier Lloyd George will order a campaign of military terrorism, should the Dal's reply be unsatisfactory, is not the opinion of those who appreciate his ability as a mediator.

Lincoln's Phrase Quoted  
LONDON, Aug. 21 (By The Associated Press).—London newspapers, in summing up the Irish situation, this morning devoted themselves to press or war editorials. The Daily Express used Lincoln's phrase: "We will not break up the Union, and you shall not," as representing the position of the British government.

"If the negotiations break down," declared The London Times, "the only practical alternatives are that we either impose upon Ireland what we think is a just and reasonable settlement, or let southern Ireland go her way as an independent republic. The first would be an inconvenience to us, but would be two years of agony to Ireland; the second would be a disaster to the British Empire—and it is absolutely unthinkable as long as this nation remains a nation at all."

It is either negotiation for a settlement by consent on the present basis, or it is war. We never thought such dire alternatives would return, but they are here. Heaven forbid that we should rattle the saber, but Heaven forbid, too, that we should ask consent to throw the crown and scepter into the dust.

New Terrorism Depreciated  
"A miracle of wisdom," said The Observer, "is needed to save the situation, but at the worst Great Britain should not resort to measures of military terrorism and should adopt a policy of evacuation rather than occupation. To attempt to reach a settlement by pouring in troops and tanks would be crude, blind and fatal. It would fail for the reason that the Irish extremists live on excitement and battle. They perish in Guinness. Our advice would be to leave the interior of southern Ireland to stew in its own juice after loyalists there had withdrawn upon terms of fullest compensation. We should keep a firm grip on a few essential strategic points along the coast and the River Shannon, and then withdraw the rolling stock of the railways. Ulster would know how to hold its own frontier."

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## LaGuardia Proposes Program for Unity Among Republicans

Willing to Join Forces to Beat Tammany if Pledge to Restore Primary and for 5-Cent Fare Is Made

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Ninth Judicial District Has Political Strife Over Coming Appellate Vacancy

Special Dispatch to The Tribune  
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